U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Day Use Fees



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers charges fees under the authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act for recreation sites, facilities and services provided at government expense. Historically, the Corps collected fees for activities such as camping. In 1993, the Corps expanded the fee program nationwide to include day use recreational activities at developed recreation areas.

What Corps Day Use Areas Require a Use Fee?

In Georgia: Big Oaks*, Elrod Ferry**

In South Carolina: Broyles***, Hattons Ford*, Poplar Springs*, Singing Pines***, Twin Lakes***

*Fee charged for boat launching only
**Fee charged for day use area only
***Fee charged for all activities

How Much is the Day Use Fee?

Visitors are charged \$5 per vehicle and pay at a credit card fee machine located at the park entrance or near the boat ramp (varies by park).

Note that many less developed access areas do not charge a fee.

Payment of the day use fee allows you to use other Corps day use facilities on the same day. Just save your receipt if you leave an area and display it when you return or visit another area on the same day.

If you are a registered camper at a Corps campground just present and display your current camping permit and enjoy all day use areas without additional charge.

Annual Passes



If you are a frequent of Corps user managed recreation areas or boat ramps that charge a day use fee, you may want to purchase a Corps of Engineers Annual Pass for \$40. The annual pass allows unlimited. nationwide

use of all Corps managed day use fee areas and boat ramps for a 12-month period from date of purchase. The pass is a hangtag which is displayed on your vehicle's rearview mirror. No refunds given due to water conditions or park closures.

Please be aware that many parks and boat ramps on Hartwell Lake are

managed by other agencies. The Corps Day Use Pass is NOT valid at non-Corps managed facilities and other agency passes are NOT valid at Corps managed facilities. At Hartwell Lake, the Corps annual pass is valid only at the locations listed in this brochure and are subject to change.

How to Buy an Annual Pass

In Person: Annual passes may be purchased at the Hartwell Dam and Lake Office or at any staffed campground (credit card only). Passes are also available at many other Corps lakes nationwide. Please contact the lake office for campground and visitor center hours.

By Phone: Call the Hartwell Dam & Lake Office at 706-856-0300 or toll free at 888-893-0678 and pay by credit card.

The Hartwell Lake Office no longer accepts annual pass orders by mail nor does it accept cash or checks.

Federal Discount Passes

Golden Age, Golden Access, America the Beautiful Interagency Senior or Interagency Access Pass, and other America the Beautiful Passes are accepted at Corps day use areas! These passes must be displayed in your vehicle while in the park - either hung from your vehicle's rearview mirror or visible on dashboard. These passes

are not transferable, and the pass holder must be in the vehicle upon park entry and have a valid ID.

Security

Help reduce theft and vandalism by removing valuables from your vehicle and keeping your vehicle locked at all times. Report theft or vandalism to your local sheriff's office and to the Hartwell Dam & Lake Office.

Safety

Over 300 people have drowned at Hartwell Lake. Ninety percent of these drownings would have been prevented if the victims had been wearing a life jacket. Sixty percent of the drownings were swimming related – many simply overestimated their swimming ability. Many boating related drownings are due to people unexpectedly falling overboard. Be prepared – just as you wear a helmet when bicycling and a seat belt in a car, wear your life jacket when boating or swimming.

Remember...
Life Jackets Only
Work if You Wear
Them!

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Day Use Area Fee Information

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